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SUBJECT: INFCE: IAEA DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS
INPUT TO INFCE

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH BUECHLER AND THOMPSON
(BUECHLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF DEPARTMENT
OF SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT OF INFCE) MISOFF REVIEWED STATUS
OF WORK BEING PERFORMED AT THE REQUEST OF WORKING
GROUPS, GENERAL DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN INFCE AND
PROBABLE AGENCY RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE FUTURE INFCE
REQUEST FOR PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE ASSESSMENTS OF
VARIOUS FUEL CYCLE ALTERNATIVES.

2. BUECHLER AND MISOFF AGREED THAT TO DATE DEPARTMENT
OF SAFEGUARDS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PERFORM FOLLOWING
TASKS:

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- A. WG-1. PROVIDE POLICY STATEMENT IN REGARD
TO SAFEGUARDS ON HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION. STATUS.
DONE.

- B. WG-2. DEVELOP A QUESTIONNAIRE RELATED TO
SAFEGUARDS ON ENRICHMENT PLANTS. STATUS. DONE.

- BE RESPONSIVE TO FUTURE REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON SAFEGUARDS FOR ENRICHMENT PLANTS. STATUS. INACTIVE.
- C. WG-3. NO REQUEST.
- D. WG-4. PROVIDE REPORT ON SAFEGUARDS FOR REPROCESSING PLANTS AFTER JUNE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING. STATUS. SINCE JUNE MEETING DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT, REPORT WILL BE DELAYED.
- E. WG-5. BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR STUDY OF HOW TO APPLY IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO FBR FUEL CYCLES. STATUS. INACTIVE.
- F. WG-6. BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO JUNE 78 REQUEST FOR ANALYSIS OF SAFEGUARDS AS THEY MAY BE APPLIED TO SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION. STATUS. INACTIVE. WG HAS NOT MADE REQUEST YET.
- G. WG-7. COMMENT ON EXPECTED U.S. PAPER ON SAFEGUARDS AND PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE CRITERIA. STATUS. U.S. PAPER HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS UNDER REVIEW.

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- H. WG-8. NO REQUEST.
 - I. ALTHOUGH NOT REQUESTED BY ANY WG, DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS IS NOW PREPARING A REPORT ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF APPLICATION OF EXISTING AGENCY SAFEGUARDS AS THEY MAY BE RELEVANT TO DIFFERENT WORKING GROUPS. REPORT DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE SUMMER.
 - J. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OTHER WG REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARDS INPUT OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.
3. ALTHOUGH INFCE HAS NOT YET REACHED THE POINT WHERE SAFEGUARDS AND PROLIFERATION RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE CALLED FOR, MISOFF QUESTIONED DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS INTEREST IN INFCE SINCE APPOINTED DEPARTMENT REPS GENERALLY DID NOT ATTEND INFCE MEETINGS. BUECHLER DEFENDED THE DEPARTMENT BY NOTING THAT SAFEGUARDS PERSONNEL ARE BUSY WITH OTHER WORK AND IN VIEW OF INFCE'S STATUS VIS-A-VIS SAFEGUARDS AND ITS QUESTIONABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THEIR ATTENDANCE WAS NOT UNREASONABLE. MISSION WILL MAKE SPECIAL

EFFORT TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENT IN ORDER
TO RAISE THEIR LEVEL OF AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION.

4. DURING DISCUSSION ON PROBABLE AGENCY RESPONSE TO
POSSIBLE FUTURE INFCE REQUEST FOR PROLIFERATION
RESISTANCE ASSESSMENTS BUECHLER MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A. DESPITE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S (DG) STATEMENTS
TO TCC THAT AGENCY IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ADDITIONAL
REQUEST FOR SAFEGUARDS INPUT TO ALL WG'S, THE DG
HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE AGENCY
WOULD PERFORM RELATIVE PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE
ASSESSMENTS IF SO REQUESTED BY INFCE. THE DG'S
RELUCTANCE TO TAKE A POSITION IS APPARENTLY DUE TO
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FACT THAT MEMBER STATES WOULD BE SENSITIVE TO HAVING
THEIR PET TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSED AS HAVING RELATIVELY
GREATER PROLIFERATION RISK THAN SOME COMPETING
TECHNOLOGY.

- B. IF THE DG DID AGREE TO PERFORM SUCH ASSESS-
MENTS, THE AGENCY WOULD WANT THE WG OR TCC TO

PROVIDE PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE ASSESSMENT FACTORS
AND CERTAIN OTHER FUEL CYCLE TECHNICAL DATA IN ORDER
TO AVOID AS MUCH OF THE POLITICAL FLAK AS POSSIBLE.

- C. THE CURRENT AGENCY LACK OF SAFEGUARDS
EXPERIENCE WITH SOME PARTS OF THE FUEL CYCLE AND THE
LACK OF STAFF EXPERIENCE IN MAKING RELATIVE
PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE ASSESSMENTS ARE ALSO REASONS
FOR THE AGENCY'S RETICENCE. IAEA WILL, THEREFORE,
UNDOUBTEDLY NEED ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO
MAKE SUCH ASSESSMENTS.

- D. MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AGENCY COULD DO
ASSESSMENTS IN TIME REQUIRED WITHOUT ON-SITE U.S.
EXPERTS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS AND
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AN ITERATIVE FEEDBACK MECHANISM WITH U.S. EFFORTS
NOW IN PROGRESS.

5. MISOFF ASKED BUECHLER TO THINK ABOUT WHAT KIND
OF SPECIFIC U.S. ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.
BUECHLER THOUGHT HE COULD BE MORE SPECIFIC IN ABOUT
THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. MISSION PROPOSES TO CONTINUE
THIS INFORMAL DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO BETTER DETERMINE
AGENCY CAPABILITIES AND NEEDS. IN THE INTERIM MISSION
SOLICITS GUIDANCE ON U.S. INTEREST IN ASSISTING AGENCY
TO BE PREPARED TO PERFORM PROLIFERATION ASSESSMENTS
IN MANNER WHICH WOULD DEPOLITICIZE RESULTS AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE. KIRK

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